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FBA Meeting Tuesday, May 29

8 pm

St. Paul's Parish House
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Phil and Nancy Noonan

Wonderful Moor Blondie



happened. Phil was with the advertising department of the Borden Co. in New York and directed all of her activities; Elsie's coast to coast trips with Elmer; helping Elsie write "How to Live on 5,000 Quarts a Year"; the licensing of her trademark; and he held her polished hoof when Elsie opened her bank account at the Chase National Bank.

Phil will share his time with his wife, Nancy, who was in the radio and TV business for 16 years before they came to Washington. She started as a commentator with CBS-TV in Philadelphia sponsored by The John Wanamaker Store. You can expect some helpful suggestions if you should be making a TV appearance yourself...should you be interested in a TV career...and what it is like in there—in the tube. Phil and Nancy promise to make this an interesting and different evening. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, May 29, and come have some fun.

Because of the Memorial Day Holiday the May Meeting of the FBA will be held on Tuesday, May 29. It promises to be a FUN EVENING, so do come. We have a special treat in store for you. The sketch of the Lovely Lady Blondine will give you an idea of what is in store for us. Wonderful Moor Blondie was a sweetheart. During the 1940's she was everybody's sweetheart. Who was she? Well, she was Elmer's wife and Beauregard's mother and she was the world's most famous trademark during her lifetime.

The world famous lavished her with gifts: Chapeaux from Hedda Hopper; change purses from Jack Benny; the roaring crowd came to their feet and cheered as she meandered down the field at half time during the Orange Bowl in Miami! But this lady's head was never turned...her biggest thrill came from the excitement of the children. WONDERFUL MOOR BLONDINE was ELSIE, THE COW.

Phil Noonan, a FoggyBottomite, was her court jester so to speak and he will again enjoy recapping how this phenomenon

The April 30th meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by the President, Al Cottrell.

Police Report: Sergeant Cochran and Officer Tartaro, representing the Second District of the Metropolitan Police, reported that there have been several purse snatchings in the Foggy Bottom Area recently. Most of them took place during the hours of darkness. They suggested being on guard against this type of activity and avoiding places that are dark and little traveled.

In response to questions from the audience the Officers commented as follows:

- Statistics indicate that the slowest "crime-time" is between 2 A.M. and 8 A.M.
- Most of the criminals arrested in D.C. are between 16 and 30 years old.
- Automobiles traveling in traffic circles in the District of Columbia, such as Washington Circle, have the right-of-way over vehicles entering the circle.

Guest Speaker: Dr. S. D. Cornell, a distinguished Yale physicist who worked for a number of years for Eastman Kodak, was the guest speaker. Dr. Cornell is now an

Hectic History of Washington City Water Tunnel

In 1876, the District Engineer recommended the construction of a 36 inch watermain from Georgetown Reservoir to Capitol Hill. General Montgomery C. Meigs of the Army Corps of Engineers who had built the Potomac intake beginning in 1853 and the tunnels to the Georgetown Reservoir protested that this was "a waste of money" and suggested instead a "grade tunnel" from Georgetown Reservoir to the vicinity of Howard University. Eventually, something resembling Meigs' suggestion was built, although it took until 1902 for it to be completed. It is sometimes called the "Lydecker Tunnel" because Major G. J. Lydecker fought most of the political, economic and technical battles that spanned this quarter of a century period.

Today the tunnel is judged to be in "good" condition although it has had to be repaired from time to time. However, it is the only major connection between the city-water-supply-to-the-west and the major-city-water-use-to-the-east. This has been known from the beginning, but it was not until 1946 that a formal proposal to supplement and relieve the Washington City Tunnel was made. House Document 480 stipulates the need for a parallel relief line. Subsequently, several other reports have emphasized the urgency of constructing this facility to insure uninterrupted water supply to the eastern part of the District of Columbia.

Assistant to the President of the National Academy of Sciences. He explained how the Academy came into being and was chartered as an "honorific learned society by Congress in 1863 during the Presidency of Abraham Lincoln." He displayed a marvelous sense of humor in describing some of the activities in which the Academy has been involved over the years.

The Academy is a private non-profit corporation with a mission to advise the Federal Government on matters relating to science and technology. None of its members are compensated and it receives no direct Government appropriations. Its headquarters are located in a building of classic design in the 2100 block of Constitution Avenue. It has an entrance on C Street immediately to the south of the Department of State. The building features fine office space, an auditorium with virtually perfect acoustics and a number of exhibits that include a Foucault Pendulum.

Personnel of the Academy and its subordinate affiliates, The National Academy of Engineering and The Institute of Medicine, also occupy additional rented space

Crosstown Watermain

For the first time, in 1978, the City took a firm stand that this project can no longer be postponed. In earlier days, water supply interruptions were more or less a matter of course. Today, rigid safety and health regulations would conceivably require evacuation of business facilities and government office buildings to permit the limited amount of water which could be fed by cross-taps to provide partial rationed service to the residents and workers amounting to 576,000 people in this area of the city. The principle safety problem is fire which cannot be fought effectively without an adequate high-pressure water supply. Health problems include the use of toilets, the functioning of sewers and home and restaurant sanitation during food handling.

It is the opinion of professional engineers who are employed by the City or work as consultants to it that the Crosstown Watermain must be built quickly. Alternative routes with somewhat different cost estimates are being considered now and this determination must be made before detailed design can be undertaken.

The Crosstown Watermain: Reliable Water Supply

The Department of Environmental Services (DES) of the District of Columbia has been conducting alignment studies in the District for a proposed Crosstown Watermain to carry treated water from the Dalecarlia Water Treatment Plant to an existing water-

main at 15th and N Streets, N.W., near Scott Circle. The task before DES and its consultant is to find the most cost-effective and environmentally acceptable route for the watermain.

Finding the Way to Go

In the project's early stages, eight possible alignments were considered. Based on preliminary soils studies to determine specific geological conditions, that number was narrowed to five alignments, varying in length from 26,000 feet to 29,000 feet. The number of alignments has now been reduced to two. One (Alignment B) involves construction entirely in deep tunnel. The other (Alignment D) is a combination of deep tunnel and rear surface buried pipe (open cut construction).

ALIGNMENT B (As-the-crow-flies) runs entirely in tunnel, southeast from Dalecarlia to just south of Sheridan Circle, where it follows Massachusetts Avenue to 15th and N Streets. The majority of this alignment runs under residential areas and would require substantial right-of-way acquisition.

ALIGNMENT D (D.C. Transit) is open cut from Dalecarlia along the old D.C. Transit right-of-way. The alignment runs along the southwest edge of Georgetown Reservoir to about the intersection of MacArthur Blvd. and Foxhall Road. The alignment then continues as tunnel along the same horizontal alignment as Alignment C. Three existing bridges remaining from the transit operation along the alignment

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What You Missed Last Meeting

in the Watergate office complex and at 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue both in the Foggy Bottom area.

Housing: Anne Hume Loikow, Chairperson of ANC 2A, reported that no rent increases are permitted until a year has elapsed since the last increase. For new tenants, six months must have elapsed since they moved in. Tenants must have been notified at least thirty days prior to a rent increase. If you are a renter and have received a rent increase notice and, if you have any questions or doubts about its legality, go to the D.C. Rental Accommodations Commission (phone 724-5600) and they will analyze any papers or notices you may have received. The Commission is located in the Munsey Building at 1329 E Street, N.W. The Notice of Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking regarding rent increases may be obtained from the Commission in Room 955.

Conversions: Hal Davitt reported that the tenants of the Bonwit Plaza at 2401 H Street, N.W. where he resides are in the process of buying their building. He explained in some detail the procedures involved, indicating that

he or other members of the ANC are quite willing to assist tenants in other buildings confronted by a conversion notice.

The Crosstown Watermain Project: Mr. William A. Garlow, Chief of the Hydraulic Control Branch, D.C. Department of Environmental Services, addressed the Association on the need for, and the proposed locations of, a major crosstown watermain. This project is urgently needed to insure a continuous supply of water to Capitol Hill, a small portion of downtown Washington and an area east of the Anascostia River. While these areas are currently served from the McMillan Reservoir, upon completion of this main they will be served directly from Delcarlia Reservoir with treated water. The Mayor and the City Council, with input from citizens and the ANC's and with the aid of the elaborate cost studies prepared under Mr. Garlow's direction, will make the final route selection. (See an article in this edition of the *Foggy Bottom News* for more detail of this matter.)

Hotels in Residential Neighborhoods: Anne Lomas, FBA Secretary

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Letters

May 1, 1979

Dear Editor:

As a 10-year resident of FB it is encouraging to see the devoted work that you volunteers put in for the community. My work schedule does not permit such activity but there are other ways that I serve.

For one, in helping with the international attractions at several of the area's cultural centers. Everything at Kennedy Center is a community event for FB, and I notice you run more listings now for the free programs. But many more events are scheduled, and should have a permanent feature spot.

What is the impact on the area's shops and restaurants when 200 artists arrive for a festival? That is what will happen when the Inter-American Theater Festival is held at Kennedy Center, May 29-June 10.

All of the visitors from six nations and New York will stay at the Hotel Intrigue. They want to meet local theater buffs, and attend performances or workshops with little theater groups. Hospitality has been offered by the Arts Club of Washington and others.

As the local coordinator for the festival, I would appreciate hearing from theater buffs who want to show these visiting actors around the city... preferably the hosts should speak Spanish or Portuguese.

My office phone is 331-0228. Tickets are available at Kennedy Center box offices for both theaters. Groups get a discount by calling 254-3626.

Thanks, and keep up the good work for our community.

Bernard Burt

Dear Editor:

Since we first advertised our need for used clothing, we have been inundated with clothes; the response was overwhelming. We now have more clothing than we can use. Therefore, although we appreciate your interest, we are requesting that you no longer run the article in your publication requesting used clothing for GWU Hospital. At present, the article is generating telephone calls offering clothing as well as people bringing clothing into the hospital.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
Andrea Pace

Department of Social Services

Foggy Bottom Bulletin Board

Music at Noon

The Washington Performing Arts Society is pleased to announce the spring calendar for MUSIC AT NOON, the free mid-day concert series designed for the city worker, which is underwritten by The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation. This spring the concerts will be presented at the Western Presbyterian Church, 1906 H Street, N.W. and will take place each Thursday, from April 26 through May 24 at 12:15 p.m.

May 24, 1979: Washington Baroque and Swing Ensemble; Penny Fischer, Flute; Ruthann MacDonald, Piano; Walter Birksdahl, String Bass

Theatrical Prints At

The National Collection of Fine Arts "Prints and Personalities: The American Theater's First Hundred Years" opens at the National Collection of Fine Arts, Smithsonian Institution, on May 4 and continues through September 9. These 61 engravings and lithographs date from the late 18th century to the 1860s and include many noted entertainment figures in their most acclaimed roles—from Thomas Hilson as Paul Pry to Joseph Jefferson in his famous interpretation of Rip Van Winkle—as well as such favorites as Fanny Kemble, Celeste and Fanny Elssler.

Although professional theatrical companies had performed in America by the middle of the 18th century, plays and actors met with much resistance and disapproval from the religiously-oriented populace and many people viewed theatrical productions as a threat to morality. By the late 18th century, however, the climate had sufficiently changed for small engraved portraits to appear as frontispieces for published plays. The introduction of lithography in the United States and its diffusion during the 1820s and 1830s coincided with a new demand for theatrical prints.

The National Collection of Fine Arts is at 8th and G Streets, N.W.—at Gallery Place Metro station—and is open every day of the week from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Red Cross Announces 1979 Aquatic School

For the 57th year, the American Red Cross will conduct aquatic, first aid, and small craft schools to help meet the need for qualified swimming and lifesaving, first aid, CPR, and boating instructors. This spring and summer hundreds of new instructors will be trained at the 7-10 day schools, located at 30 camps and college campuses across the nation.

In our own area, Camp Letts is the closest aquatic school to Washington, D.C. Located in Edgewater, Maryland, the school starts on June 10 and ends on June 16, 1979. For more information, call 857-3628.

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July 2 - September 30, 1979

CAPITOL LOSSES—A EULOGY: a post-mortem for Washington architecture which has met an untimely, often unnecessary demise by the blow of the wrecker's ball.

National Park Service to Celebrate International Year of the Child, May 23

In celebration of the International Year of the Child, (IYC) the National Park Service will hold a tree planting ceremony and concert at the National Visitor Center, beginning at 1 p.m., Wednesday, May 23.

The ceremony, open to the public, also marks the opening of a special art exhibit by artist and composer Sri Chinmoy, who has held showings at the United Nations and at Grand Central Terminal, both in New York. Among the art work is Sri Chinmoy's painting, presented as a gift to the IYC from the people of India, the painter's native country.

James A. Joseph, Under Secretary of Interior, representing Secretary Cecil D. Andrus, will plant a tree and unveil a commemorative plaque during a brief program inside the National Visitor Center, located at First and Massachusetts Avenue, N.E. Secretary Andrus is a member of the IYC National Committee.

Also scheduled to participate are Kevin Keffe, an IYC representative from the United Nations, which is sponsoring the celebration throughout the world; and children from the Chevy Chase Elementary School, Chevy Chase, Md., who will sing the IYC song. Following the program, a concert will be performed by the United Nations' Meditation Group Chorus.


The program and exhibit are open free to the public. Sri Chinmoy's original works will be at the center on May 23, and prints of the originals will be on public display through July 7. The center is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. For additional information, call the National Visitor Center at 523-5300.

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Foggy Bottom Farmer

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In 1968 Mary Land, writing as the "Foggy Bottom Farmerette" in this newspaper, had the following to say about a "green thumb": "There is no such thing as a green thumb, according to my husband William. 'If you can't make things grow,' he declares, 'it's because you don't read labels or follow directions.' William does know where to find things, though. On his advice (always easy to get) I buy soil, seeds, some annuals and flower pots just a pleasant walk away at Woolworths on "M" St. in Georgetown. The nearest complete garden store with parking is at Hecht's, in the Parkington Shopping Center across the river on Wilson Blvd. in Arlington. There's also Thompson's up Wisconsin Ave. on the left, a short distance past in the National Cathedral. The easiest to get to Nursery is Cappers on Rt. 7, west of Tyson's Corners. Cappers has a



wonderful selection of potted roses."

I know Bill Land, and have heard him say other things about a green thumb: "It's just a matter of using common sense, logic, and having some empathy for the green creatures that are rooted to the ground—can't walk. They're creatures of this planet, none the less, and respond as do people

when thoughtfulness is directed their way." Bill would remind you that plants, like people, don't particularly like cold weather and because of our current "New England spring", tender annuals would appreciate your waiting until after Memorial Day to plant them outside. They'll survive, but, like sulking children, they won't do anything.

Restoration of the C&O Canal

by Laura Margulas

If you walked down to the C&O Canal recently, I'm sure you were surprised, as was I, to see a gaping hole along the Canal where once there was water.

What happened? Last December, according to a representative of the National Park Service at Great Falls, Maryland, as a part of a rehabilitation project of the Canal, the Park Service drained the water down from Lock 5 (Chain Bridge) to Lock 1 (the Georgetown Level) into the Potomac. As a result, the C&O Canal barge trip now starts from the Great Falls Tavern in Great Falls and goes upstream for one and a half hours.

As of now, the bottom of the Canal looks very depressing (to say the least). Thoughtless citizens throw down every conceivable type of trash. Volunteer groups, like the Boy Scouts, are mobilized by the Park Service and go down once a week by ladder from the towpath to try to clean up the debris which forms again and again after being cleaned up.

Early in June, the Park Service hopes to get started on excavating down to the original stone base of the Canal. This will entail getting rid of layer upon layer of silt and debris which have been built up through the years. The condition of the masonry walls and lock chambers can thus be determined. The masonry walls accordingly will be reconstructed as needed—some will be restored; others may need to be redone completely. The water will then be drained back into the Canal. It is estimated that the project will be completed in about two or three years.

Rising 60 feet above the surface of the Canal, between the rear of Wisconsin Avenue and 33rd Street, will be two pedestrian bridges. These bridges will make accessible the project now in the planning stages by a private developer of a condominium, shopping area and pedestrian promenade above the stone walls rising from the ground beside the Canal on the opposite side of the towpath.

The walls, which are partly government- and partly privately-owned, are to be restabilized. There will also be steps at the rear of Wisconsin Avenue leading down to the Canal.

Aside from the already privately developed areas in Georgetown, the Park Service hopes to keep the Canal along the area to be rehabilitated as much in its natural state as is possible.



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Seen A r o u n d the Bottom



by Mary E. Healy

As I sit here at 1AM sweltering in the heat trying to meet our Editor's deadline it is hard to remember the beautiful spring we have had—particularly now that the lovely tulips and flowering trees are gone from the Bottom. All that is left of that memory are some cute newborn mourning doves in the tulip tree outside of Carl Harding's Beauty Salon.



Speaking of tulips, again this year FBA donated some tulip bulbs to St. Mary's Court and also donated some to Columbia Hospital for Women. Come next spring we can all enjoy. Down Virginia Avenue way both the DC Roadside and Parks Division and the National Park Service have been busy—ground has been tilled, seeded and/or sodded and pink crabapple trees have been planted. Water is a problem—anyone close enough to give the new plantings a drink once in a while will be doing their good deed for the day. A few prayers for rain might help too.



May 1 brought our good citizens of Foggy Bottom out to the polls in creditable numbers per Bob Charles. We can do much better, of course; the entire City can, but at least we hang in there. I would like to see us so interested in good government that we would lead the pack to the polls. Maybe next time? Now that we have all our reps on the Council let them know how we think the City can be improved—and then help them do it; be constructive, not critical and really lend a hand. I would bet that we have in FB the highest IQ average in the City, plus have an education, experience and training in government affairs second to none. With all this we could really turn our city around to be the best managed in the country. Even those who vote elsewhere could help—fair return for the privileges of our city which they enjoy.

Now for something especially nice that I saw around the Bottom recently. We have in our midst an artist who brings happiness to many people throughout the country.

How many of you have walked down the 2500 block of Eye Street and given any thought to who lives in some of those nice houses? Well in one, 2518, lives Richard Timothy Francis Evans. French, Welsh, English and Catholic. Tim brings to life some of the most interesting and fanciful characters I've seen. I mean "brings to life" literally. Tim creates artistic character dolls; he has them all over the house. He works wonders with old scraps of silks, cottons, laces, buttons, glass beads, embroidery and polyester fill.



Tim is a beautiful character himself—you can just feel the warmth of spirit and love as he talks about creating one of his whimsical characters. He gets his ideas for his "wonderful Little People" as he calls them from books and poems. His Miss Havisham came straight out of Charles Dickens. Tim uses a technique called Trapunto. Most all his creations have faces of cloth. They are not very big but they pack a big wallop—you just want to pick one up and make it your very own confidante.

Tim's work, in my opinion is art—his dolls practically talk to you. These Little People dolls are not really for children—they are for we grown-ups who, every once in a while, need to feel like little children again. Their pinched and puffed faces, flexible arms and legs and soft fabric bodies are fun to look at, touch and hold. Everything in the creation of Tim's Little People is done by Tim—from conceptual design through the five or six stages of trial and error until he creates just the mood he

wants in his doll. When he is satisfied with a doll he keeps that one and all the rest get taken apart and are used again for parts of a new creation.

Tim has (or had) trunks full of old materials from his grandmother and mother and he scrounges around in antique shops, thrift shops and flea markets for unusual old things. I saw a christening dress which he is going to create a doll for that was exquisite.



Tim's grandmother taught him to sew. She was an artist herself with a needle—crocheting, knitting, sewing. "Gram" lived with Tim on Eye Street until she was 93 and then went away to sew for the angels. In the beginning Tim made his Little People just for fun. Then his artistic talents got the best of him and out came all those lovely grown-up dolls—all sizes and shapes.

Tim entered his Miss Havisham in a Renwick Gallery Multiple Craft Competition in 1975. Out of 14,800 entries 183 were chosen by the judges for a Country-wide Tour of the United States (including the Renwick). Miss Havisham was one of the 183 and she is now in the Renwick's permanent collection of contemporary American craft.

Tim's dolls are exhibited and he sells to serious private collectors (they are expensive). He makes his living as a commercial artist; his hobby is his dolls.

Tim was born in Cleveland, Ohio; came here to Greenbelt, Md. when he was 8; came to the Bottom about 20 years ago and bought a Rundown House Shell—no floors, no windows, weeds in the back yard up to the second story. Now he wonders how he had the nerve to buy it. All the sweat and backaches (and money) have been well worth it; it is now a charming house—more so because it is filled with happiness of Little People. And says Tim: "I wouldn't and couldn't live anywhere else but in the Bottom".

Tim has a big 16 pound black and white alley cat called Mew, who has a brown hand-crocheted doll all his very own—no other "cat toys" has he—just his doll. Mew was the cast-out in a pet store—the one who was bound to die, too skinny, too weak, wouldn't eat; you know the kind. The pet store owner gave him to Tim so that he wouldn't have to watch him die. Tim performed his magic on Mew just like he does with his dolls. Mew is a big beautiful intelligent cat—and friend—now.

I could have stayed all day and visited with Tim's Little People but the news deadline kept staring me in the face, so reluctantly I left. That nice warm feeling stayed with me for quite a while after my visit.

So long, Tim—remember you are coming to the Foggy Bottom Meeting on May 29 to hear about another successful whimsy—Elsie the Cow—much bigger than your dolls but a "doll" just the same. See you.

Adult Education

by Captain Irby F. Wood

"What was the ugliest thing you ever saw?" teacher.

"An unmade bed. I never noticed it until I went looking for an apartment in Washington, D.C., a renter who moves often.

"What was the ugliest thing you ever saw?" teacher.

"An ash tray filled and overflowing with cigarette butts. I never noticed it until I got so disgusted with the filth that I quit smoking," an ex addict.

"What was the prettiest thing you ever saw?" teacher.

"Sunset on the Pacific. Words can't describe it," an experienced traveller.

"Yes words can. Robert Louis Stevenson did," teacher.

"What was the prettiest thing you ever saw?" teacher.

"The expression on an old Negro woman's face in Washington when I held the door instead of slamming it in her face," anyone with common decency.

"What was the meanest thing you ever did?" teacher.

"The time I slapped my sister when she snitched on me for kicking the cat. I erred in both instances," a contrite adult.

"What was the meanest thing you ever did?" teacher.

"The time I withheld evidence I knew would acquit an accused but innocent person," one who had just come from Confession.

"What is the purpose of Life?" teacher.

"The purpose of life is to love God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself," a practicing church-goer.

"What is the purpose of life?" teacher.

"That question is never asked except when life has no purpose," an avowed leftist.

"What do you think of History?" teacher.

"That's a big question," astonished professor.

"What do you think of History?" teacher.

"I often wonder whether the story of Noah and the Ark is history or myth," a seeker after the Truth.

"What do you think of politics?" teacher.

"I think politics is deceit camouflaged as principle. Ambrose Bierce said it better than I can," an amateur satirist.

"What do you think of politics?" teacher.

"I wish that Government would hurry up and 'wither away' as Marx and Lenin promised," an ex-communist.

"What do you think of Foggy Bottom?" teacher.

"I think Foggy Bottom is like a ship. It should be called *she* because I have an affection for *her*," the author.

"What do you think of Foggy Bottom?" teacher.

"I get my opinions from the Foggy Bottom News," a reader.

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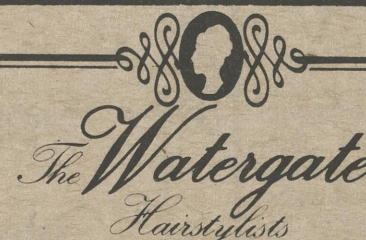
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Personal Services to Foggy Bottomites

by Mary E. Healy

Well, here it is—#3. Would you believe that I am only half way through our Owner/Merchant story? It is true—so far I've concentrated on the area from Pa. Ave. to E St. and from 27th to 23rd Streets. I haven't dared go around Washington Circle east on Pa. Ave. to 20th, or down K Street or anywhere near the GWU Campus! To all you beautiful people who didn't get in Installments 1 - 2 - 3 I'll do my best to pick you up in the Fall issues.

I'm pleased to say that the series has been well received. Residents and merchants alike have made some new friends. It is surprising how many people have stopped by to chat with the merchants after reading the articles—to talk about similar places of birth, neighborhoods in which raised, schools attended—and services provided. Did you notice how many native Washingtonians were among our merchant owners?

In gathering the material for this issue I had an added plus. I had a visitor from Amherst, Massachusetts and as my deadline was getting close I invited her to "trot around the Bottom" with me while I took pictures and did my interviews. She had a ball. She loves Washington, particularly enjoys the Bottom, so when she got the chance to talk to some real live people who make the Bottom the interesting place she feels it is she was in 7th Heaven. You should have heard her and Rose Policelli, Tony Serra, Sid Rassin, Danny Cokinos, Al Kaufman and Doc Sinker—all talking it up. And the lovely people at Guest Quarters on Pa. Ave. gave her a special look-see at a suite, plus she had a chance to see the inside of our lovely St. Stephen Martyr Church. When we finished she was dog-tired but excited and happy. We confirmed her impression—we are nice people!



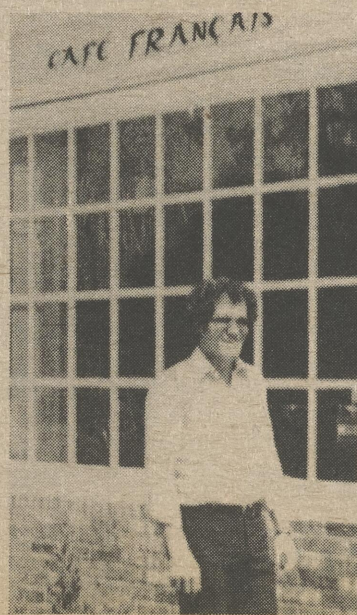
Sid Rassin, Penn Beverages, 2419 Pa. Ave. Sid is a newcomer to our area. He bought out a former owner and opened on November 7, 1978. He picked the area for its future potential growth. He has put his own stamp on the store—increasing and improving the stock tremendously. Sid has been in the liquor business as a Distillery Rep for 25 years. He was the Washington Area Regional Manager for Dreyfuss Ashby Company and Vice President, for the east coast, for the Glenmore-Boston Distilling Company. He is a native Washingtonian, born near the Marine Barracks in Southeast; has two children, Leigh and Laurence, both born in Columbia Hospital. His wife, Barbara, is from Portsmouth, Va. In addition to a selection of fine wines and beers he carries imported and domestic cheeses and other party supplies. And, believe it or not, he carries HOT FRESHLY ROASTED PEANUTS (are they ever good)!!! Sid guarantees prompt delivery.



Danny Cokinos, Never-Go-Home-Owner of Fricky's at 2512 Pa. Ave. Danny specializes in soups, salads, sandwiches and, of course, cocktails and beer. He's open from 11:30 til 2 every day but "never on Sunday". Danny is another native Washingtonian, of Greek descent, born at Doctors Hospital. He has had Fricky's for about 4 years and he has given it the status of a "Friendly Neighborhood Tavern".

Danny's father is President of DC Vending and that's where Danny got his first taste of the business world—his first job was collecting money from Juke Boxes and Pin Ball Machines! George Paul, Danny's cousin,

manages Fricky's and either Danny or George or both are always "on tap". Danny is an antique collector—you should drop in to see some of the things he has—he really likes to show them off. He has old old old pictures of people, some hunting scenes, a beautiful display case which came out of an old drugstore in Baltimore—700 pounds of solid mahogany. It originally came from Saltillo, Pa. For you old old Foggybottomites Danny has a mirror that was in DeMisa's Barber Shop before Danny came. He has a real live working Juke Box and many many old bottles. He also has a Penny Bar with over 10,000 pennies embedded in its bar surface. He said he and George worked forever on that bar.



Mongi Slimane, manager of LaSorbonne, French Cafe Restaurant at 2507 Pa. Ave. The LaSorbonne opened in our neighborhood three months ago and it is doing extremely well according to Mongi. It is a delightful, cozy, cheerful and friendly cafe—spotlessly clean, and all fresh and sparkly with its newness. **Ahmed Ben Kahla, owner and cousin of Mongi** was in Baltimore when I visited so Mongi obliged me with a picture. Ahmed has been in the restaurant business for about 15 years and as I understand it he has been quite successful. We wish him good luck in our area. Mongi is quite pleased with the patronage of our area residents—says he feels right at home here already. Both Mongi and Ahmed are from Tunisia, North Africa.



Rose and Vito Policelli of the Diplomat Cleaners, 2415 Pa. Ave. and Washington Circle Cleaners at 2103 K. Rose is the "Mama" and Vito is the Son. Rose has been in the cleaning business for 37 years. They have been at the Pa. Ave. address for 10 years; prior to that were many years on the corner of 25th and Pa. where the Guest Quarters is now. Rose and her husband opened their first shop 37 years ago. Mr. P died shortly after that and Rose decided to keep the business. She has been hard at work ever since. Rose was born in Italy, near Naples, came to the United States 55 years ago; was married here at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church; she has three sons—Joseph, Fred and Vito. She is a very independent

lady—lives alone at the Columbia Plaza (has been there since it opened).

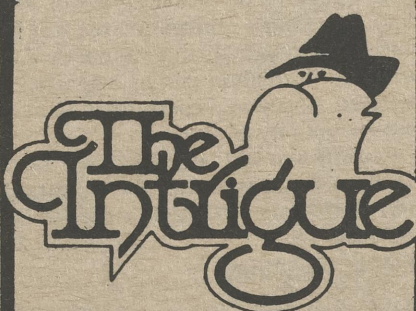
Vito is a good looking bachelor who's hobby is work six days a week from 7 to 7 (takes an hour off on Saturday evening). He also loves skiing (water and snow), tennis and dancing. He had a Dance Studio in Baltimore for 15 years and he still cuts a mean step around the shop. He handles Pa. Ave. and Rose takes care of K Street. Rose is 68 years young—looks and acts like 48; has 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren (which will keep you young—or kill you). Tailoring, alterations, reweaving are among the specialties at these dry cleaning shops.

My article on personal services to Foggy Bottomites has been limited to Owner/Operators. It occurred to me that you might like to see the friendly faces of some of their supporting staffs; so here goes. How many have you seen and been served by? (I stuck two fingers in here; can you identify them—they provide a service to our area but are not connected with a Merchant/Owner).



Al Kaufman—the Papa part of the Federal Supermarket, Remeber I told you that "Papa" was out of town when I took the picture of Lester, Anne and Henry? Well, here he is, I almost cut his head off but notice where his hand is—right on the Cash Register!!!

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ANC News from A to Z

JUNE MEETING
Tuesday, June 5, 1979
St. Paul's Parish House
2428 K Street, NW
8:00 P.M.

Community-based Residential Facilities: The Zoning Commission will hold hearings on May 21, 1979 to discuss proposed regulations for community-based residential facilities (i.e. halfway houses, personal care homes, foster homes, nursing homes, etc.) The ANC agreed to testify at the hearings and to oppose the proposed regulations on the grounds that the proposals would not treat areas around the city equitably, with a greater impact in neighborhoods like Foggy Bottom due to the high density zoning in the area.

The ANC also suggested several technical amendments and proposals which would clarify the status of several facilities which are presently undefined and should be licensed and regulated.

Crosstown Watermain: The District government plans to construct a new Crosstown Watermain. After much discussion among Commissioners and residents, the ANC voted to endorse the proposal to construct a new Crosstown Watermain and to specifically endorse the construction of Alternative B from the Dalecarlia Reservoir to Sheridan Circle as the most secure and direct route but to add that Alternative along the old D.C. Transit right-of-way was also an acceptable alternative.

D.C. Register-Office of Documents: Commissioner Loikow pointed out that new regulations for the Office of Documents remove the previous policy of printing all orders of the Board of Zoning Adjustment and now only print summaries. Since these written orders are often very helpful to ANC's across the city, the ANC will request the Mayor to reinstitute the previous policy.

Eye Street Park: Mr. Robert Dickman of GWU reported that the Washington Gas and Light Company has discovered that the main gas line on the street is under the site of a row of trees proposed for the mall. Architects, University officials and Gas Company officials will meet later this week to attempt to correct the problem. Construction should begin this summer and the landscaping will occur this fall or next spring.

Hotel Hearing: The Zoning Commission continued the hearing on the treatment of hotels in residential and commercial districts on Monday, May 7 and will continue the hearings next month on June 11, 1979 at 1:30 p.m. Representatives of the Hotel Association and witnesses on their behalf testified at the hearing. Representatives of the D.C. Government will testify at the June hearings, including representatives from the Office of the Rental Accommodations Office, the Zoning Administrator, the Finance and Revenue Office and the Department of Transportation.

In response to a number of issues raised at the May hearing, Commissioner Loikow suggested that the ANC hire a consultant to prepare a citywide map of vacant land in the R-5 Districts. That resolution was passed authorizing 20 hours of time at \$5.00 per hour.

Housing: Commissioner Loikow announced that the owner of the Swarthmore Apartments had made a bona fide offer to sell the building at 1010 25th Street last week. Earlier in the week, tenants of the Swarthmore notified the Rental Accommodations Office that a 9.4% rent increase for June 1, 1979, was illegal since the twelve months had not yet passed last legal rent increase was in September, 1978.

Commissioner Davitt announced that tenants of the Bonwit Plaza where he resides (2401 H Street, N.W.) are well on their way to buying the building.

Commissioner Loikow also announced that tenants in Columbia Plaza have received a statement of intent to sell from their landlord. The terms of the agreement do not include the land but still require the tenants to pay taxes on the assessed value of the land. In a related action, the ANC passed a resolution to request Senator Harrison Williams, Chairman of the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Housing and Urban Development and Representative Thomas Ashley, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Patricia Harris to investigate the property of converting rental apartments built with Federal subsidies.

The ANC also passed a resolution supporting Councilmember Nadine Winter's proposed emergency legislation to adjust the rent ceilings for condominium conversion by 9.4% to respond to the recent rent adjustment ordered by the Rental Accommodations Office.

Parking: BZA Case No. 12930: The ANC voted to support the application of the George Washington University to continue the use of a parking lot for faculty and staff only on the premises 2007-2009 F Street, N.W. and 2006, 2010-18, 2022-26 and 2030 G Street, N.W. The lot is used for cars which formerly occupied the lot on Square 77, the site of the new Academic Cluster, to be built this summer.

Planned Unit Development: The ANC will testify at hearings to discuss changes in the Planned Unit Development process of the Zoning Regulations on May 14, 1979 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 11A, District Building. The ANC voted at the meeting to oppose the proposals submitted by the Zoning Commission and to endorse the position of the D.C. Citizen's Planning Coalition which would include: retaining existing maximum standards for height, FAR (Floor Area Ratio) and percentage of lot occupancy; deleting increased FAR for Commercial uses in Residential Districts; and opposing the reduction of minimum size standards for Planned Unit Developments in all district.

Public Space Requests: The ANC acted on two applications by restaurants to rent public space for sidewalk cafes.

Le Jardin—The ANC agreed to support the application of the owner of Le Jardin Restaurant at 1113 23rd Street, N.W. for a sidewalk cafe with the provision that the owner agree to attempt to control the noise of the patrons and to agree not to seat guests in the sidewalk cafe after midnight in an effort not to disturb nearby residents.

Health's A Poppin: The ANC agreed to support the application of the owners of Health's A Poppin to increase the existing sidewalk cafe from 24 to 40 seats at 2020 K Street, N.W. The restaurant is open from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and is not located near any residential areas.

In a related action, the ANC announced that it had delivered an objection to the application of Colonial Parking lot owners to extend the existing parking lot into the public space on the 1100 block of 23rd Street. The request to comment was received with only two days to comment and Commissioners were polled by telephone for their opinion.

River Inn Liquor License: Commissioner Loikow announced that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board has not yet made a decision on a liquor license for the River Inn but attorney Roger Kindler filed the affidavits of residents documenting the illegal service of liquor in the River Inn restaurant.

Square 73: Commissioner Levy reported that counsel for Mr. Thaddeus Lindner, developer of Square 73 has submitted a draft of an agreement for that property which would bind the developer to build condominium housing on the portion of the square zoned R-5-D and would build a commercial building on that portion of the square zoned C-3-B. One garage would serve both buildings with one entrance from L Street.

Commissioner Loikow suggested that the ANC hold a special meeting on May 23, 1979 at 8:00 p.m. in the ANC office to discuss specific points of the agreement and to incorporate the comments of attorney Roger Kindler who is reviewing the agreement.

Square 120: The International Monetary Fund has requested a ruling from the Zoning Commission as to the current zoning on the now vacant corner of 19th and H Street, N.W. The Zoning Commission ruled at its meeting on April 12, 1979 that the corner was still zoned R-5-C. The ANC passed a resolution requesting that no change in zoning be considered unless a public hearing is held to discuss the issue.

Street Lights: A study is being conducted by the Department of Transportation as to the condition of street lighting in the Foggy Bottom area. Since the ANC took a position in March 1979 to support additional street lights in specific areas in Foggy Bottom—West End, the Commissioners agreed to keep in close contact with the proper person at the Department of Transportation conducting the study. The ANC authorized the Chairman to appoint a representative to serve in that capacity.

Tax Reform: Noting the move by the DC City Council to bring the D.C. tax system in conformance with the Federal tax system, the ANC requested by resolution to the Council that a revising the system, the Council to continue to allow married couples to file separately on the same tax form, without aggregating their income, so that they will not be penalized for their marital status.

World Bank: Commissioner Levy presented the Commission with a compromise suggested by counsel for the George Washington University and the World Bank. The ANC rejected the compromise offer as no substantive concessions were made by the other parties. The compromise offered no commitment to implement the suggestions of the ANC for retail uses on the ground floor of the new building at 19th and G Streets, but did specify that a bank would be included as part of the retail uses. The parties also did not agree to limit occupancy of the building to the World Bank or to the George Washington University, another condition requested by the ANC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Housing Seminar

Three Divisions of the D.C. Bar are jointly planning a seminar focusing on current housing issues in the District of Columbia. The program will feature speakers and panels discussing the District of Columbia Speculators' Tax (applicable to transfers of residential properties) with a keynote by D. C. Councilmember David Clarke, the significance of the new Federal Community Reinvestment Act for District of Columbia neighborhoods and lending institutions with a keynote by attorney Warren Dennis, and the particular application of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act to mortgage lending in D.C. Sponsoring the workshop are the D.C. Bar's Division 15 (Real Estate and Housing), Division 6 (D.C. Affairs), and the Financial Institutions Committee of Division 3 (Corporations, Finance and Securities Law).

The seminar will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 2, at the Marie Reed Community Learning Center, 2200 Champlain Street, N.W. (at the corner of 18th and California), Washington, D.C. A nominal registration fee will be charged to defray the cost of coffee and doughnuts for attendees. The program will be structured to provide information and an opportunity for an exchange of thoughts between attorneys, representatives of lending institutions, borrowers, and community groups.

Registration will be at the door, beginning at 8:30 a.m. For further information on speakers and registration, contact: Greg Mize 724-8031, Burt Raimi 293-2240, Adelaide Miller 462-4383, or Jim Vaughter 452-7080.

Public Hearings

Hotel Hearing
D.C. Zoning Commission
Monday, June 11, 1979
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District Building
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Confirmation of Douglas N. Schneider
as Director of the Department
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Friday, June 8, 1979
1:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers
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Confirmation of Robert L. Moore as
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Housing and Community
Development
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Ann Loikow Is Leaving the ANC

Ann Loikow resigned her position as an ANC Commissioner effective May 31, 1979, since she and John have bought a house and will be moving out of Foggy Bottom. Through her strong leadership, Ann has made a significant contribution to this community. Many of the victories the community has enjoyed in battling those who seek to destroy our neighborhood are a result of Ann's leadership, perseverance and care for this neighborhood. The developers and GWU might be resting a little easier when they find Ann has left but what they do not realize is that she will be leaving behind a strong, more cohesive and more determined group of citizens to continue to maintain Foggy Bottom—West End as a residential community.

We wish Ann and John the best of luck in their new house and assure them that they might be gone from Foggy Bottom, but not forgotten.

Dear Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support and cooperation over the past few years as we have worked together to make this a better neighborhood and a better city. As many of you may already know, I am resigning my seat on the Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission, effective May 31, since John and I have bought a house and will be moving out of my district.

Those of you who have seen our apartment will know how much we have outgrown it and need more room to spread out. In an effort to finish the projects we are involved in this area, we had put off the decision again and again, but finally, after much thought, came to the conclusion that we could not afford to wait much longer if we were ever to be able to afford to buy anything.

I feel particular regret in leaving the Swarthmore at this time since after over a year of effort it finally looks like the tenants might finally have a real crack at trying to buy the building since our landlord finally gave us a bona fide offer of sale. We have spent many long and frustrating months trying to pull this off and to find a way to keep the building standing and housing many of the same kind of people who have been living in it over the years. It is a comfort to know, though, that the Swarthmore Tenants Association is in very capable hands and if there is enough interest in saving the building by having the tenants buy and convert it, the foundation has been laid, the tools are in place, and an excellent example of how to successfully go about it has been set in the efforts of the Bonwit Plaza tenants to buy their building.

I would like you all to know that, despite the many frustrations and the stream of crises which never seemed to stop, I

have enjoyed serving you and working on the issues which concern this neighborhood. I hope my efforts have helped bring us a little closer to finding solutions to the critical problems facing this area—how to preserve the Foggy Bottom-West End area as a residential neighborhood; how to keep existing housing in the neighborhood and to keep people from being displaced; and how to keep this area one in which people will want and be able to live.

I know many people have disagreed with many of the things I have tried to do, but I hope I have at least shown some of you that it is possible, if you care enough and work hard enough, to have some say in what happens to you as individuals and as a neighborhood. I have been particularly pleased to see, especially in the past year or so, the number of people who have realized that they have a stake in this area and that it is worth their while to work for it. I will probably see those of you who are concerned about this area, their neighbors, and the city, as I continue to work on many of the same issues I have been involved in here, in other parts of the city. Good luck to you all and thank you for the help you have given me in the past.

Sincerely,
Ann Hume Loikow



S.D. Cornell, National Academy of Sciences



Nancy and Philip Moonan of Mr. R. Fine Mens Wear, Watergate Les Champs. The Moonan's live in the Bottom at the Columbia Plaza and they love this area; they say that it is the garden spot of the City. Phil has lived in the Bottom

since he came to Washington from Lambertville, N.J. He attended George Washington University. Nancy is from Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania; came here about 10 years ago. They have had their shop in Les Champs for 6 years and really enjoy being the "moderately priced" men's casual clothing store in the Watergate. They carry slacks, belts, ties, jackets, scarfs, accessories, sweaters, shirts and many gift items. This is their first owner business venture in Men's Wear. The Shop is open on Sunday. Nancy is a graduate of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York. She was with CBS TV for 16 years as a commentator. Phil mothered "Elsie the Cow" for the Borden Company for many years—his store's character are very interesting.

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Multi-Arts Program for Senior Citizens

by Carol Tefft

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A Multi-Arts Program for Senior Citizens is in operation at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 728 23rd Street, N.W. in Foggy Bottom. Mr. Penn is an associate professor of Music at Howard University, where Classes are designed to serve the future residents of St. Mary's Court and Housing Development and other residents of the District. St. Mary's Court (725 24th Street, N.W.), a 136-unit congregate housing facility.

The classes are open to all senior citizens in the District. Visitors and participants are welcome. The current schedule is as follows:

Mondays, 10:30 a.m.—Passive exercise with Delfy Vaznaugh, an Hispanic dancer from Argentina

Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.—Creative writing and poetry with Washington poet Ed Cos

Wednesdays, 1:15 p.m.—Tai Chi Chuan (an Oriental form of move-

Thursdays, 12 Noon—Music from Howard University, where Mr. Penn is an associate professor of Music at Howard University, where Classes are designed to serve the future residents of St. Mary's Court and Housing Development and other residents of the District. St. Mary's Court (725 24th Street, N.W.), a 136-unit congregate housing facility.

Neighborhood support and participation will enhance chances of obtaining funding for the Program, which is now operating on a volunteer basis. Funding is being sought from private foundations, individuals, and local and federal governments. If you are interested in helping solicit support, or want further information about the Multi-Arts Program, call project director Carol Tefft, 338-0607, or St. Mary's Church, 333-3985.

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Watermain

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would have to be rebuilt to accommodate the watermain.

With the alignments laid out, the next step becomes selecting the one "best" route for the Crosstown Watermain. In this selection, existing buildings, underground pipeline networks and right-of-way considerations are as important as hydraulic characteristics, geotechnical qualities, and environmental impact. Construction and operating costs have been estimated and environmental impacts have been assessed for each of the five alignments. All of these interacting variables—costs, geotechnical aspects, and environmental impacts—have been examined in order to compare the merits of each alternative.

Some benefits and possible problems are specific to each alignment:

ALIGNMENT B (As-the-crow-flies)

• This alignment is the shortest, most direct route. This alignment has the highest probability of right-of-way acquisition problems because the major portion of the tunnel travels under residential areas. Also, shaft and adjacent work sites are located in residential areas.

ALIGNMENT D (D.C. Transit)

• This alignment is the least expensive. The alignment is dependent on acquisition of transit right-of-way but if obtained provides an existing, unobstructed route. Still, there is a substantial stretch of tunnel not in public right-of-way. With this alignment, there is the possibility of future multiple use as a transit or bike path corridor.

Cost and Impacts Important in Route Selection

For each alternative, the following table sets forth the lengths of open cut and tunnel, number of shafts and the estimated construction costs at mid-year 1978.

The environmental assessment looked at both long-term impacts and the short-term effects of construction, considering such factors as land use, historical sites, air quality, noise, and traffic patterns. In comparing the five alignments, several conclusions surfaced:

• Tunneling requires a minimum diameter for construction

CROSSTOWN WATERMAIN ALTERNATIVE ALIGNMENT STUDY WASHINGTON, D.C.

Align	Open Cut ft.	Tunnel ft.	No. of Shafts	Construction Costs
B		25,275	5	37,892,000
D	16,100	13,2200	3	30,819,000

and, as a consequence, greater capacity is developed.

• Open cut construction is less expensive than tunnel construction. However, operating costs and therefore annual operating costs of tunnels are less because it is less expensive to operate a larger diameter aqueduct. This in turn means less impact on the consumer's pocketbook.

• Neither of the alignments will have long-term or permanent environmental effects. The short-term environmental effects of tunnel construction are less than those of open cut construction because construction activity is concentrated in the several shaft and work areas along the route. On the other hand, because open cuts are covered and the site restored as the pipeline is laid, the construction impact in any one area is of shorter duration.

• Total construction time is less for open cut and cover.

Consultants Recommend Two Alignments

Based on costs and analysis of the benefits and problems of the various alignments studied the consultants have recommended two

alternatives—Alignment B and Alignment D.

Alignment D has the lowest construction cost and total annual cost for the next 30 years. After 30 years, when the construction costs have been amortized, Alternative D has a higher annual cost than B. Should environmental or acquisition difficulties preclude the selection of Alignment D, Alignment B should be developed. The final selection of the best route remains to be made. The comments and preferences of the citizens are vital to this selection.

For more detailed information, including maps, on the alignments studied, call DES on 767-7614 (Mr Garlow's office) and request their Crosstown Watermain brochure (from which this article was excerpted). Which alignment do you prefer B or D. If you have a preference, let DES know. The address is: District of Columbia Department of Environmental Services Engineering and Construction Administration Hydraulic Control Branch 5000 Overlook Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20032

Conversion Threat at Columbia Plaza

by Julie Bond

In December 1978, with the sudden threat of condominium or cooperative conversion acting as a catalyst, Columbia Plaza tenants organized into the Columbia Plaza Tenants Association. ANC Commissioner Steve Levy was very helpful using this formative stage.

The 800 unit complex, bounded by 23rd St., E St., Virginia Ave. and the E Street Expressway, is contained in five separate buildings named the Ambassador, Baron, Consul, Diplomat and Envoy. The 15-story office building, at the corner of E and 24th Sts., though architecturally a part of Columbia Plaza, is owned and

operated quite separately, sharing with the Plaza property only the communal through driveway from Virginia to E St.

The C.P.T.A. now has close to 600 members, representing more than three-fourths of the residential units. (Fifty apartments are leased by the Foreign Affairs Recreation Association for the use of State Department personnel). The 14-member Executive Board is elected by the general meeting plus two representatives elected from each building. Each building has at least one Floor Captain for every floor. The Floor Captains act as liaison between the building representatives and the tenants living on their floors. They meet frequently with their building representatives who convey news to them from the Board meetings. Conversely, tenants may use this channel to reach the Board with problems or ideas, and this chain of information is enhanced by information bulletins put out by the Association. General membership meetings are held when deemed necessary and occasionally individual buildings have meetings.

Since the C.P.T.A. was organized the Executive Board has spent most of its time and energies toward planning for the day when a decision must be made concerning purchase of the complex. Several organizations and persons conversant with conversion and financing have addressed the Board and options are now being narrowed to the best plans available. The Board has constantly been aware of its responsibility to the three basic groups of tenants: those who want to buy, those who would like to stay in their apartments but on a rental basis and those who would move out in case of conversion.

Town Meeting with Eric Severeid

by Larry Phillips

Eric Severeid, noted correspondent and commentator, was the speaker at the National Town Meeting on April 12 at the Kennedy Center. Martin Agronsky was the moderator.

Severeid was questioned on a wide range of topics. Some of his more significant comments:

Inflation is our most serious immediate problem. It has almost gotten away from us. We don't seem to know how to control it—but control it we must.

On who is to blame for our energy problem, "spoiled people—me and thee—plenty of blame to go around."

The Three Mile Island nuclear accident has indicated need for closer scrutiny, better safeguards and more standardization. But we can't afford to abandon nuclear power—it needs to be an important part of our solution to the energy problem.

We must push the windfall tax on oil companies for socialistic, political and moral reasons. What Congress will do, no one knows.

On our future, "I am a pessimist about tomorrow, an optimist about the day after tomorrow."

Washington has steadily increased as a center of power. There is a danger that it can easily get out of touch with the rest of the country, and vice versa.

There is little discipline in the Congress, making it ineffective.

We should have a SALT agreement. But we have not seen the proposed treaty yet—let's wait until it comes out.

There is good prospect for peace between the great powers. War should not happen—no reason for it—nothing to be gained. Russia will not attack Europe—it has military strength but not economic power. We should guard carefully our strengths—liberty, freedom, democracy.

The effect of the Egyptian-Israeli treaty on the Middle East situation will depend on what evolves from it. There is need for Israel to "bite the bullet" regarding the Palestinians. The only alternative is a settlement involving Russia.

The large audience reacted spontaneously and enthusiastically to the discussions. Everyone seemed to appreciate what Severeid had to say.

Minutes

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tary and ANC Commissioner, again emphasized the importance of writing letters to the Zoning Commission expressing the view that "apartment" and "residential" hotels both impact adversely on residential neighborhoods to about the same degree that commercial hotels do. It should be made clear that we oppose the conversion of existing buildings or the erection of new structures for hotel use in areas currently zoned residential. Loopholes in current zoning laws allow certain hotels to be located in residential areas. A Zoning Commission hearing on this issue was scheduled for May 7.

St. Mary's Court: FBA plans to celebrate occupancy of this facility for the elderly. We plan to greet and pledge our support to the new residents some time in June. More information on these plans will be made available at the May meeting.

FBA Elections: The Nominating Committee is scheduled to report to the Executive Board on May 17 the names of persons considered to be best qualified and willing to serve as Officers and Directors of the Association for the 1979-1980 year. Elections will be held at the June 25th Foggy Bottom Association meeting. To vote in the elections you must be a member in good standing for the 1978-1979 year. Membership status may be checked with Mel Ogden, Treasurer. Telephone 333-2233.

FBA Meeting in May: The FBA will meet on Tuesday, May 29, because Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, May 28. The Nominating Committee will report to the Membership at this meeting. Nominations for Officers and Executive Board Members may be made from the floor at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Anne Lomas, Secretary



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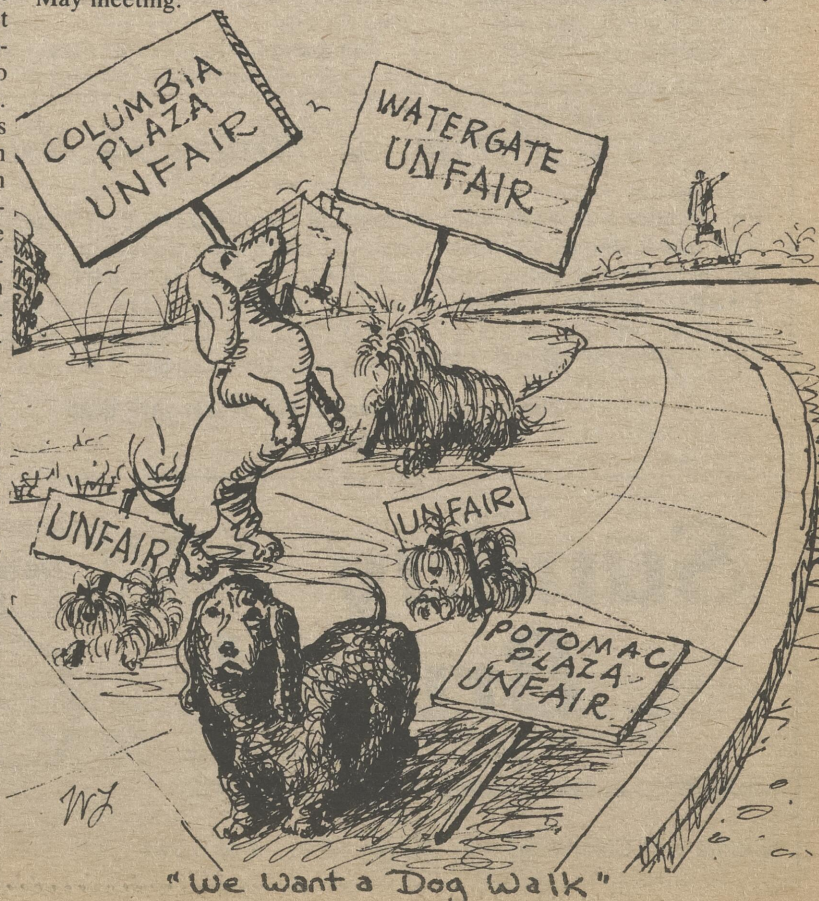
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